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Dated: October 31, 1995.

David Evans,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

Attachment (1)—Known Alternative Government Sources of Ocean Analysis Information

1. Sea Surface Temperature—global, regional, local at various resolutions depending on location (14km, 50km, and 100km)
NOAA/NESDIS, 4401 Suitland Road, Room 2039, Suitland Federal Center, FOB #4, Suitland, MD 20233-0001, Point of Contact: Mr. John Sapper (301) 457-5195
National Hurricane Center, 11691 S.W. 17th Street, Miami, FL 33165-2149, Point of Contact: Dr. Steven Baig (305) 229-9901
Weather Service Forecast Office, 21 Grace Hopper Avenue, Stop 5, Monterey, CA 93943-5505, Point of Contact: Mr. Ernest Dagher (408) 656-1716
2. Ocean Thermal Structure Analysis (Ocean Features Analysis) for various areas such as Gulf of Mexico, Gulf Stream, etc.
Naval Atlantic Meteorology and Oceanography Center, 9141 Third Avenue, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA 23511-2394, Point of Contact: Mr. Chuck Weigand (804) 444-4913, (Product available via radio facsimile)
Naval Oceanographic Office (Code N2211), 1002 Balch Boulevard, Stennis Space Center, MS 39522, Point of Contact: Mr. Tom Sandidge (601) 688-4401
National Hurricane Center, 11691 S.W. 17th Street, Miami, FL 33165, Point of Contact: Dr. Steven Baig (305) 229-9901, Fax (305) 229-9901
3. Retrospective Ocean Thermal Structure Analysis and Sea Surface Temperature Analysis for various areas and resolutions globally, regionally, and locally.
NOAA/NESDIS, National Climatic Data Center, Federal Building, Asheville, NC 28801, Point of Contact: Mr. Tom Ross (704) 271-4994 ext 181

Attachment (2)—Value-Added Companies Known to NOS That Provide Oceanographic Products

(Should NOS become aware of additional sources, they will be identified in future announcements)

1. Weather and Marine USA Limited, 5049 Garfield Street N.W., Washington, DC 20016-3450, Attn: Dr. Lee Houchins (202) 966-5009
2. Weather Services Incorporated, 131A The Great Road, P.O. Box 890, Bedford, MA 01730, Attn: Mr. Ken Campbell (617) 275-8860

3. Bob Rice's Weather Window, 842 Sterling Road, Lancaster, MA 01523, Attn: Mr. Bob Rice (508) 365-3800
4. Offshore Services, 339 Herbertville Road, Bricktown, NJ 08724, Attn: Mr. Lenny Belcaro (908) 840-4900
5. Ocean Imaging, 201 Lomas Sante Fe Drive, Suite 370, Solana Beach, CA 92075, Attn: Mr. Mark Hess (619) 792-8529
6. Sea Space, 9240 Trade Place, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92126, Attn: Dr. Robert Bernstein (619) 450-9542
7. ROFFS Ocean Fishing, 2871 S.W. 69th Court, Miami, FL 33155, Attn: Dr. Mitch Roffer (305) 262-8336 or (800) 677-7633
8. Gulf Weather Corporation, MTTC Building 1103, Stennis Space Center, MS 39529, Attn: Mr. Frank Schatzle (601) 688-3397

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Patent and Trademark Office

Dissemination of Patent Information

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) will hold a public meeting to gain input into how it can maximize the potential of its information dissemination program. In view of technology changes, revisions to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-130, and the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13), the PTO will review existing policies, and will use input from this announced meeting to prepare a comprehensive information dissemination plan.

DATES: A meeting will be held on December 15, 1995, at 9:00 a.m.

Written comments must be submitted on or before December 31, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Address written comments to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Attention: Wesley H. Gewehr, Administrator for Information Dissemination, Crystal Park 3, Suite 451, Washington, D.C. 20231, or fax to (703) 306-2737, or e-mail to laron@uspto.gov.

The meeting will be held in Suite 819 of Crystal Park 1, located at 2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane S. Myers, Office of Electronic Information Products by telephone at (703) 306-2600, by fax at (703) 306-2737, by e-mail to laron@uspto.gov, or by mail to U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Electronic Information Products, Crystal Park 3, Suite 441, Washington, D.C. 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public, with

limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Within thirty days following the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting may be obtained from the PTO Home Page (<http://www.uspto.gov/>), from the PTO bulletin board service (PTO BBS) at (703) 305-8950, or from the PTO, Office of Electronic Information Products, in Suite 441, Crystal Park 3, Arlington, Virginia.

The PTO last published final guidelines related to information dissemination in the Federal Register on Wednesday, May 3, 1989, and in the Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Tuesday, May 30, 1989. The PTO also published a proposed Electronic Information Dissemination Policy for public comment in the Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Tuesday, December 1, 1992. The final guidelines and the proposed policy are reprinted below, followed by a description of PTO's information dissemination activities.

Electronic Data Dissemination Policies and Guidelines (as published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, May 3, 1989, and in the Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Tuesday, May 30, 1989)

Dissemination in Government Public Search Facilities and Depository Libraries

It is the goal of the PTO to achieve effective, widespread dissemination of information concerning patents and Federally registered trademarks to all segments of the U.S. public.

A. The dissemination goal will be accomplished directly by the PTO by providing electronic search and retrieval services to the public in search facilities located in the PTO, in other facilities which may be established by the Government and in Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries (PTDLs). PTDLs are Federal, State and local government, university or non-profit organization libraries designated by the PTO to offer public access to patent collections.

B. To the extent funding is authorized and appropriated, search and retrieval services will be provided in the PTO's search facilities and PTDLs either:

- (1) by the PTO, using its own data bases, computers, communications equipment, and software, and/or
- (2) by PTO contractors.

C. Access to commercial data bases that are available to the PTO's examiners, for example industry-specific data bases, will be furnished

either through an APS workstation or a terminal furnished by data base vendors in the PTO public search facilities at commercial rates, provided the user has established a commercial account with the data base vendor.

The PTO will not act as an agent for any data base vendor in providing training for, assisting in, or collecting fees for the use of such commercial data bases.

D. Services furnished in the PTO public search facilities and in PTDLs will be at no cost to the public for access to paper and microform records. The costs of accessing PTO owned electronic data bases and systems will be recouped from user fees set to recover the marginal costs of such services.

E. The type of service for public search and retrieval, either PTO or commercial services, will be chosen based on the method and criteria established by the 1983 revision to OMB Circular A-76, entitled "Performance of Commercial Activities."

Distribution of PTO Data for Commercial Dissemination

F. In addition to B and C above, the PTO will pursue its dissemination goal indirectly by encouraging the private sector firms in providing such services to the public outside the PTO search facilities and PTDLs.

G. Fees charged for bulk data developed by the PTO will be based on the marginal cost of providing such distribution services.

H. Arrangements will be non-exclusive. Bulk resale of PTO data will be permitted subject to the terms of each bulk data sales agreement.

I. Fees charged to the public for U.S. patent and trademark data products will be based on the marginal cost of providing such products.

J. The PTO will receive non-U.S. electronic patent data through exchange agreements with other patent offices and international intergovernmental organizations. In general, the PTO will not distribute such data, except in conjunction with services that may be provided by the PTO or its contractors in the PTO public search facilities and PTDLs. Rather, it will seek to have contractual arrangements established directly between the organization and the commercial data base vendor and will not act as a service agent or representative unless there is a special need that cannot be met otherwise.

Information Dissemination: General Statement of Principles (as published in the Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on Tuesday, December 1, 1992)

The overall mission goal of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with respect to the issuance of patents derives from Article 1, Section 8, Clause 8, of the U.S. Constitution which states that Congress shall have the power "To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to * * * Inventors the exclusive Right to their * * * Discoveries". The PTO's mission goal with respect to the granting of trademark registrations derives from Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3, of the Constitution which states that Congress shall have power "To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States * * *".

As an integral part of its mission, PTO is responsible for assuring that patent and trademark information is available to all sectors of society that have a need for, and can make use of, the information. Through dissemination of such information, PTO provides the means to: (1) foster the competent preparation of patent and trademark applications; (2) avoid infringement of patent and trademarks; and (3) understand the current state of the art as a basis for developing new technology.

As an important part of its information dissemination efforts, PTO will strive to have relevant information resources made generally available in the United States in the most useful form and at a reasonable price. This will include not only its own internal information resources but also, to the extent possible, those of other industrial property offices throughout the world.

The private sector has considerable experience in the packaging and distribution of information products and services. The PTO will continue to work through these private sector firms by facilitating their access to PTO's internal information resources and purchasing, where appropriate, finished products and services for the PTO's own internal use.

The PTO will continue to rely on the nationwide network of Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries as a significant means of providing broad public access to its information products and services. PTO will work with these libraries to take advantage of the advances in information technology.

Generally, PTO will provide products and services directly to end-users in those circumstances where: (1) a significant need exists; and either (2) a. access to existing internal PTO information resources permit major economics in the preparation and distribution of specific information products and services through the avoidance of large scale duplication of

equipment or processing; or b. PTO is in a unique position, because of its governmental functions, to provide information that is sufficiently timely, accurate, or comprehensive.

In all cases, PTO will offer its information products and services at a price sufficient to recover the marginal costs of its information dissemination activities.

PTO will also work toward standardization and compatibility among various patent and trademark related information products and services available in the marketplace to enhance their overall usefulness to both the intellectual property and research and development communities.

Current PTO Information Dissemination Activities

As part of its mission, the PTO is required to disseminate the information in the patents it grants and in the trademarks it registers. The PTO carries out this mission by making information available in its public search facilities located in Arlington, VA and in PTDLs located throughout the country. The PTO provides a variety of information products and services, including on-line access to data bases, data on magnetic tapes, CD-ROM products, and copies of patents, trademarks and related documents.

PTDLs and local search facilities provide public access to PTO information using paper and microform products, and through on-line access to internal data bases. The Patent Search Room offers access to the Automated Patent System's Text Search (APS-Text) and to Classified Search and Image Retrieval (APS-CSIR). PTDLs, who subscribe to the automated system, provide APS-Text to their patrons. Patrons of the Trademark Search Library have access to the Automated Trademark System's X-Search and to the Trademark Reporting and Monitoring (TRAM) System.

In order to expand the range of products and services offered at PTDLs, the PTO has established a business partnership with libraries located in Sunnyvale, California, and Detroit, Michigan. These partner PTDLs offer the following expanded products and services: (1) on-line access to APS-Text and APS-CSIR, (2) Video Conferencing capability between patent examiners at USPTO and current and potential applicants, (3) electronic ordering of patent documents.

The PTO maintains the PTO BBS and a World Wide Web site on the Internet to provide information about products, services and current activities. Internet access to the PTO BBS is available

through FedWorld (National Technical Information Service). The PTO BBS contains current patent bibliographic data, searchable for the most recent thirteen weeks. The Web site contains the images and searchable text for patents relating to AIDS research.

PTO offers electronic information products on various media, including magnetic tape and Compact Disc-Read Only Memory (CD-ROM). The PTO makes available machine-readable copies (on magnetic tape) of its patent and trademark data bases to customers who pay a fee based on the cost of preparing and distributing the tapes. The customers who purchase the data are primarily large-scale retailers of on-line data base services who in turn provide this data to thousands of customers.

The PTO makes extensive use of CD-ROM technology to disseminate its information. Products are available for use, free of charge, in PTO search facilities and at all PTDLs, and may be purchased by the public. Four patent text products and three trademark text products, sold as annual subscriptions, are updated bimonthly or quarterly. USAPat, sold as an annual subscription and provided as two or three CD-ROMs per week, contains the images of all patents as they issue weekly.

Another important way of disseminating patent and trademark information to customers is through the Patent and Trademark Copy Sales (PTCS) system. Using this system, the PTO can fulfill requests for paper copies of patents and trademarks in a timely fashion.

Beginning in November 1995, PTO will make additional patent information available on the Internet at no charge to the public. This new service will be available via the PTO home page (<http://www.uspto.gov/>), and will offer approximately twenty years of searchable patent bibliographic text data (1.68 million documents covering 1976 through 1995). All information contained on the front page of a patent, excluding drawings, will be searchable and retrievable.

Conclusion

Using the input gathered from the announced meeting and the written comments, the PTO will analyze the existing information dissemination program in light of the new and existing technologies, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and OMB Circular A-130. The PTO will then redraft its policy and publish it for comment prior to finalizing it.

Dated: November 2, 1995.

Bruce A. Lehman,

*Assistant Secretary of Commerce and
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Proposed Information Collection Available for Public Comment

AGENCY: Director of Information Systems for Command, Control, Communications, and Computers (DISC4), U.S. Army.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

U.S. Military Academy (USMA) programs and curricula undergo periodic review for accreditation by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET). As input to an upcoming review, perceptions of graduates about the effectiveness of their USMA education are required. The Superintendent delegates responsibility to the Director of Institutional Research for performing special institutional research projects such as program evaluations.

Title: West Point Graduates Survey 1996.

Needs and Uses: The perceptions of graduates on the effectiveness of the U.S. Military Academy programs and curricula are needed for periodic accreditation by the Accreditation Board of Engineering and Technology (ABET). ABET considers graduate feedback essential to the program. The information collected will be used to evaluate programs/curricula and make changes deemed advisable.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,059.

Number of Respondents: 1,826.

Responses Per Respondents: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 35 minutes.

Frequency: One time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the below address or call the Department of the Army Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 614-0454.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to United States Military Academy, Institutional Research and Analysis Branch, ATTN: MAOR-R, (DR. W. BURKE), BLDG. 2101, West Point, New York 10996. Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice. Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Real Estate Acquisition for, and the Construction of, a U.S. Food and Drug Administration Mega-Laboratory

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Los Angeles District intends to prepare an EIS to support the FDA proposal to acquire ten (10) acres of land on the University of California Irvine Campus, and construct a 7,950 square meter (85,560 square foot) mega-laboratory. The purpose of the proposal is to allow the FDA to consolidate its current regional laboratories into a total of five (5) Mega-Laboratory facilities. The proposed project alternatives would include other sites in Orange County, as well as no action alternative. The EIS will analyze potential impacts on the environment of a range of alternatives, including the recommended plan. Scoping: The Army Corps of Engineers will conduct a scoping meeting prior to preparing the Environmental Impact Statement to aid in determining the significant environmental issues associated with the proposed action. The public, as well as Federal, State, and local agencies are encouraged to